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1. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MINISTRY AND AEC IN FIELD OF REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IS READY FOR SIGNATURE BY TECHNOLOGY MINISTER EHMKE DURING HIS MARCH 2-8 VISIT TO US. THEY HOPE TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT AEC POSITION ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT. DECISION MAY BE POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22. END SUMMARY

2. TECHMIN OFFICIALS INVITED EMBASSY S&T COUNSELOR TO CALL FOR BRIEFING ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FRG EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND AEC ON TWO AGREEMENTS FOR
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COOPERATION. THEY EXPLAINED THAT ONLY ONE PROBLEM REMAINS. RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AS

AMENDED HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY BOTH PARTIES EXCEPT FOR APPENDIX A WHICH OUTLINES TECHNICAL SCOPE OF AGREEMENT. AS NOTED REF B, FRG WISHED TO DELETE PARAGRAPH 2A THROUGH 2D AND ALL OF PARAGRAPH 3 FROM ORIGINAL TEXT PROPOSED BY AEC. ACCORDING TO TECHMIN REPS, AEC WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT FRG TEXT FOR APPENDIX A BUT INSISTED ON RETENTION OF PARA 3 AND THESE FOUR POINTS FROM PARA 2. OTHERWISE, AEC PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF INFORMAL COOPERATION WITHOUT SIGNED AGREEMENT.

3. TECHMIN REPS WISHED TO ASSURE S&T COUNSELOR AND, THROUGH HIM, THE USG, THAT FRG REMAINED VERY INTERESTED IN S&T COOPERATION WITH US, INCLUDING IMPORTANT FIELD OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT. THEY BELIEVED THAT AMENDMENTS TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF BASIC AGREEMENT, I.E., DELETION OF PARA 5(C) AND CHANGES IN PARA 5(B) WHICH IMPROVE PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY DATA, WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO ACCEPT AEC POSITION RE PARA 2A THROUGH 2D AND PARA 3 OF APPENDIX A. THEIR PROBLEM RESULTS FROM TRIPARTITE COOPERATION WITH UK AND FRANCE IN "UNITED REPROCESSORS". THESE TWO NATIONS DO NOT RPT NOT WISH THEIR TECHNOLOGY TO "LEAK" TO US INDUSTRY THROUGH A NEW FRG-USAEC CHANNEL.

4. GERMAN INDUSTRIAL PARTNER IN UNITED REPROCESSORS, KEWA (KERNBENNSTOFF-WIEDERAUFARBEITUNGS GESELLSCHAFT), WILL DEFEND FRG-USAEC COOPERATION DURING NEXT UNITED REPROCESSORS BOARD MEETING. TECHMIN OFFICIALS HOPE UK AND FRANCE WILL AGREE THAT PRESENT TEXT OF PARA 5, AS AGREED BY AEC, WILL PROTECT THEIR COMMERCIALY-SENSITIVE DATA. IF SO, TECHMIN WILL INFORM EMBASSY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, AND ASK THAT AEC CONTINUE PREPARATION OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SIGNATURE DURING MINISTER EHMKE'S MARCH 2-8 VISIT TO US. HILLENBRAND

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